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1. REFTEL REPORTED GERMAN SOURCE STATING THAT
IRISH AND DANES HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH BOVINE
OFFALS. ON APRIL 5, WE AGAIN QUERIED FONOFF
(OSTENFELDT) ABOUT DANISH POSITION ON LATEST
U.S. OFFER. OSTENFELDT SAID DANISH POSITION
REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, I.E., THEY BE-
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LIEVE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS ESSENTIAL ON THIS

ISSUE AND THAT EACH PARTY MUST BE PREPARED TO MAKE SOME SCRIFICES. WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT BOVINE OFFALS, HE ADMITTED THAT DANISH REP AT 113 COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN RESERVATION ON THIS ITEM BUT, OSTENFELDT SAID, "THIS WAS MISTAKE AND REPRESENTED AN OVER-CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE BY THE DANISH DELEGATE." OSTENFELDT SAID THAT DENMARK WOULD BE MAKING NO SACRIFICE IN CONCEDED OFFALS TO US; EVEN IF IT DID, DENMARK WOULD STILL BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE U.S. OFFER IN TOTAL.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSURED BY FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY JENS CHRISTENSEN OF DANISH WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT U.S. OFFER TO GET THIS "UNNECESSARY" IRRITANT IN U.S./EC RELATIONS OUT OF THE WAY. OSTENFELDT CONFIRMED THIS REMAINS DANISH POSITION. WE GATHER THAT DANISH REP'S MANEUVER IN 113 COMMITTEE WAS SIMPLY WHAT HE THOUGHT TO BE TACTICAL RESPONSE TO RESERVATIONS BEING TAKEN BY OTHERS. IT APPEARS TO HAVE NO OTHER MEANING. DANISH EXPORTS OF BOVINE OFFAL (OTHER THAN LIVER) IS A LITTLE OVER \$ 3 MILLION ANNUALLY, PRIMARILY TO FRANCE, GERMANY AND ITALY -- NOT AN ITEM OF MAJOR TRADE IMPORTANCE AND NOT LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY LOWERED CXT BINDING U.S. IS PROPOSING.

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